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## **Media Release**

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### **Attorney General's Office welcomes Summer Law Clerks and Steiger Fellow**

**Wilmington, DE** – Today, the Delaware Attorney General's office welcomed seventeen law school students who will work at the Delaware Department of Justice this summer through the Summer Law Clerk and Steiger Fellowship programs.

This year's Summer Law Clerks are volunteering their service with the Delaware Department of Justice. They gain broad experience by working in the Department's Civil, Criminal, Family, and Fraud and Consumer Protection Divisions. Their duties include assisting Deputy Attorneys General in hearings and trials, completing research projects, preparing briefs, writing memos, and other tasks reflecting the day-to-day experiences of Deputy Attorneys General. Qualified Clerks may also be assigned to prosecute minor misdemeanor cases. The Steiger Fellowship, named after the late Janet D. Steiger, former Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, provides law students opportunities to work in consumer protection and antitrust Units in State Attorneys General offices. Delaware is one of 20 states awarded a Steiger Fellow in 2009.

"This year's Summer Law Clerks and Steiger Fellow display impressive academic credentials and demonstrate an admirable commitment to public service and I am proud to welcome them to the Delaware Department of Justice," stated Chief Deputy Attorney General Richard Gebelein. "Their service to Delaware, especially during this challenging time of reduced state revenue, will help us to fulfill our mission to enforce the law and protect families and consumers."

The 2009 Summer Law Clerks and Steiger Fellowship intern are as follows (photo copied below):

#### **Summer Law Clerks**

*Tristan Bramble*, a rising third year law student at Temple University Beasley School of Law, received a B.A. in English from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.

*Yaw Antwi Darkwa*, a rising third year law student at Columbia University School of Law, received a B.A. in International Relations and Political Economy and Development from Brown University, Providence, RI.

*Periann Doko*, a rising third year law student at Widener University School of Law, received a B.S. in Biology from The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ.

*Michelle A. Gerhardt*, a rising third year law student at Widener University School of Law, received a B.A. in Economics from Holy Family University, Philadelphia, PA.

*Ashley Brynne Gorodetzer*, a rising third year law student at Widener University School of Law, received a B.A. in Communications from Villanova University.

*Andrew Haupt*, a rising second year law student at University of Chicago Law School, received a B.A. in Philosophy from Davidson College, Davidson, NC.

*Veronica Hoof*, a rising third year law student at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX, received a B.A. in Accounting from Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA.

*Brian T.N. Jordan*, a rising third year law student at Villanova University School of Law, received a B.A. in English and B.A. in History from the University of Delaware.

*Ashley Markow*, a rising second year law student at Boston University School of Law, received a B.A. in Sociology and Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware.

*Sean A. Meluney*, a rising third year law student at Widener University School of Law, received a B.S. in Human Development from Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY.

*Frank Mieczkowski*, a rising 3rd year evening division law student at Widener University School of Law, received a M.A. of Public Administration and a B.A. in History from the University of Delaware.

*Sarah Mollet*, a rising third year law student at The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, received a B.S. in Biology and B.A. in Political Science from Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD and a B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD.

*Douglas Norquest*, a rising third year law student at Villanova University School of Law, received a B.A. in Political Science and Sociology and B.A. in Criminal Justice and Philosophy from the University of Delaware.

*Beth Powers*, a rising third year law student at Widener University School of Law, received a B.A. in Elementary Education from the University of Delaware.

*Gina Sechter*, a rising third year law student at the University of Baltimore School of Law, received a B.A. in Political Science and English from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.

*James Vadakin*, a rising third year law student at The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, Washington, DC, received a B.A. in English from the University of Delaware.

### **Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Intern**

*Andrea Priest*, a rising third year law student at William and Mary School of Law, Williamsburg, VA, received a B.A. in Political Communications from The George Washington University, Washington DC. She is working in the Fraud and Consumer Protection Division this summer.



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2009 Summer Law Clerks (pictured above):

Back row left to right: Brian Jordan, Tristan Bramble, Beth Powers, James Vadakin, Chief Deputy Attorney General Richard Gebelein, Douglas Norquest, Yaw Darkwa, Frank Mieczkowski, Sean Meluney,

Front row left to right: Ashley Gorodetzer, Periann Doko, Gina Sechter, Veronica Hoof, Ashley Markow, Sarah Mollet, Michelle Gerhardt.

Not pictured: Summer Law Clerk Andrew Haupt and Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Intern Andrea Priest

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